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Bridges in troubled waters?

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City council has approved them twice, but the controversial $25-million pedestrian bridges over the Bow River may still end up dead in the water.

Metro has learned two city aldermen are lobbying provincial MLAs to put a halt to the project, citing a possibility for the government to reject the use of Municipal Sustainability Initiative funding on "such extravagant, unnecessary expenditures."

Aldermen Andre Chabot and Joe Connelly have been canvassing members of the legislature, hoping to steel the province's resolve to shoot the bridges down before work on them begins in earnest.

"Out of all the MLAs I've talked to so far, I have yet to find one who thinks the bridges are a good idea. So there's no reason they couldn't put a stop to this."
Ald. Andre Chabot

"These funds were given to the city for urgent needs and these bridges are far from urgent," said Chabot, noting the province denied funding for the Pumphouse Theatre out of MSI and asked the city to cough up part of the cash instead.

"Out of all the MLAs I've talked to so far, I have yet to find one who thinks the bridges are a good idea. So there's no reason they couldn't put a stop to this."

Connelly said provincial politicians have been questioning the city's use of funds since the bridges were approved, and they'd rather see the cash spent on roads, transit and "things we actually need."

"There's a time and place for everything and as far as these bridges go, this is neither," said Connelly.

"The problem with these bridges is they will become iconic symbols of discontent because people aren't going to forget that we built them at a time when we raised their taxes through the roof."

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ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY
Calgary Stampeders kicker Sandro DeAngelis, centre, celebrates with teammates and fans yesterday at the formal victory celebration at Olympic Plaza.

City celebrates Grey Cup win

CFL Jermaine Copeland's cheeks were a little sore and his ears rang a little bit as thousands flocked to Olympic Plaza to congratulate the Calgary Stampeders on their Grey Cup victory.

"This city never ceases to amaze me," said Copeland. "It was awesome and without question, we couldn't have done it without our city."

The City of Calgary helped organize the formal championship rally two days after defeating the Montreal Alouettes in the 96th Grey Cup game.

The team was met with hundreds of fans Monday at McMahon Stadium.

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U of C motive differs from Carleton: Baez

FUNDRAISING Carleton University in Ottawa recently pulled support for cystic fibrosis charity Shinerama on the grounds that it's not "diverse" enough to enjoy the support of its student population.

While the University of Calgary also yanked the plug on their Shinerama efforts this year, the discussion around it not affecting a "diverse" enough swath of the population never factored in, said U of C Students Association president Dalmy Baez.

"We never had anything against the charity or even considered who it affected in that sense. We just found a local charity who would benefit much more from our efforts than anything national," said Baez, noting Inn From the Cold is their Christmas charity of choice.

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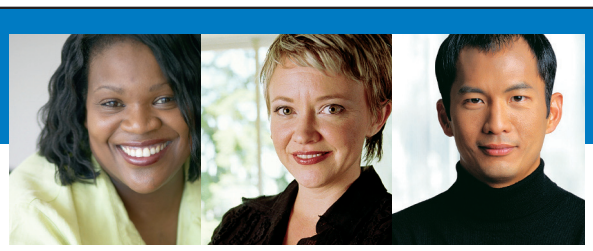
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Gas bills may rise for some homeowners
Homeowners not on a fixed plan might notice a slight increase in their natural gas bills in December. Direct Energy has applied to increase the rate to $7.22 from $6.88 per gigajoule. The average home bill is expected to be around $178 per month. METRO CALGARY

Local

Swift heading to the Stampede

Up-and-coming country sensation Taylor Swift, left, was just announced to join the line up of musicians performing during the 2009 Calgary Stampede. Swift will take to the stage July 9, 2009.

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Meteor weighed 10 tons: Expert

ROCK A University of Calgary researcher has discovered the spectacular meteor that lit the skies over the prairies last Thursday weighs approximately 10 tons.

U of C expert Alan Hildebrand also believes the large fireball may have left chunks of the shattered space rock in a region in western Saskatchewan.

"We are now trying to get all the transient information about the fireball before it is lost," Hildebrand stated in a press release. METRO CALGARY

Watch researchers show off new tools that predict future landings at metronews.ca/local

News in brief

BIBLE A rare copy of the Bible, that bridges the gap between written manuscripts and printed books, was unveiled as the University of Calgary's most recent member of its rare book collection.

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Good grades for CBE

Test results continue a six-year consecutive increase

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If provincial test reports were graded in letters then the Calgary Board of Education and its students would be receiving all A's today.

The CBE released a report prepared for Alberta Education yesterday based on the 2007-'08 school year and 92 per cent of the achievement measures exceeded the provincial results.

"We are very pleased with the results and they show a six-year consecutive increase. It's really wonderful to see," CBE board chair Pat Cochrane said after a board meeting last night.

Not only did Calgary students exceed their tests results, but CBE Special Education students scored higher than their provincial counterparts on all measures, she added. The board raised the 2008 school result banner last night to join the others and Cochrane said she was very proud to see the number of students graduate each year increase, but the one area of improvement could be in math.

"But that's just like the rest of the province, all the students could do a bit better in math," she said.

President of the Calgary Association of Parents and School's Laura Shutiak said she is also pleased and proud of the student's accomplishments.

"I think we look at it as one piece of the puzzle and by no means is this the only way to measure standards, but it is very good," she added.

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Pat Cochrane, Trustee for Wards 8 and 9, hangs the new banner declaring Calgary kids are getting smarter and smarter each year at the Calgary Board of Education Building last night.

Steinke had a black eye: Witness

TRIAL A former friend of triple-murder suspect Jeremy Steinke testified yesterday that he saw the accused return home with a black eye on the night of the murders.

Mitchell Dayton, 19, told the courtroom that he saw Steinke return to his Medicine Hat home the night in question with a "big black eye" and said he was acting like he had just been involved in a fight. Dayton said Steinke left with a backpack the next morning. METRO CALGARY

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Cops call for collision witnesses
Calgary police are calling for any witnesses to a collision in the 1900 block of Sirocco Dr. SW on Nov. 21 that killed 84-year-old Kathleen Harris to come forward. Police are asking witnesses to call 403-567-4000 to report what they saw. METRO CALGARY

CBE takes water safety online

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Thinking responsibly just got a lot more fun for Calgary students.

Since knowledge flows through student's minds like water, it was an appropriate sixth addition to the City of Calgary's online learning program for Calgary Board of Education students, according to the program teacher.

"It's a very fluid and interactive way for students to learn the importance of water safety and issues surrounding water," Tracy Dalton said. "I think the biggest thing is we made it fun for them."

The interactive online program offers youth fun games and activities to learn about safety in and around water.

The water-safety awareness component joins a list of five other issues that were launched two years ago: Exploring graffiti, helmet safety, peer relationships, responsible use of parks and recreation and fire play.

Animal and bylaw services director Bill Bruce said the program is a great way to teach youth the important messages they can carry on to adulthood.

"The best way to get your message across is to do it younger, and in a sense it can help because the kids can go home and teach their parents, too," he added.

Grade 6 student Keyren Almeida said she and her peers really like the new site and find it very useful.

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Bylaw boss Bill Bruce gets a virtual tour of an online water-awareness website launched for youth yesterday at Catherine Gunn elementary by Grade 6 students Keyren Almeida and Deega Abdillahi.

Synagogue finds home at Heritage Park

MONTEFIORE INSTITUTE Heritage Park just picked up another piece of history.

One of the province's oldest synagogues just moved into its new permanent home at the park, and Heritage Park officials couldn't be happier.

"It's really exciting. We initially thought we would be getting a replica version, but then (the society) found the original, so it was meant to be. It's actually quite amazing," park president and CEO Alida Visbach said.

The Little Synagogue on the Prairie Project Society wanted to move the Montefiore Institute, originally built in 1913, from its existing small-town location to Heritage Park to share its with visitors.

"I think it's a great way to tell the story about the province's first settlers and the Jewish people are a part of that history," Visbach added.

The synagogue will be ready for the May 2009 season.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/ METRO CALGARY

SAIT **Cardboard boat race**

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Kate Gibson and Cody Crook take the plunge in the Southern Alberta cardboard boat race at SAIT yesterday. About 200 high school students were charged with the task of constructing boats out of cardboard. Gibson and Crook won the contest.

Edmonton cop with assault conviction wins Kiwanis award

TOP COP An Edmonton police officer who was convicted of assault in July has been named the best of the best.

Staff Sgt. Jamie Ewatski was handed the Kiwanis Top Cop Award in a short ceremony at Police headquarters yesterday morning for his 30 years of service, and 13 years of committing to keep kids off drugs.

Ewatski, 48, and Staff Sgt. Giovanni (John) Fiorilli, 48, were convicted of assault on July 8, after 47-year-old Herve Dubois claimed the officers pepper-sprayed and arrested him in his home without a warrant in December 2004.

Ewatski was handed an absolute discharge, which would mean he'd have no criminal record if he completes 60 hours of community service. He appealed the conviction shortly after the decision was handed down.

"This (award) maybe solidifies a few things that were brought to the attention in court that day," he said yesterday.

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Former teacher charged with luring children

A 34-year-old former elementary school teacher pleaded not guilty to 27 charges of Internet luring of children in a St. Stephen court yesterday. The RCMP have laid 16 more charges against Jude O'Reilly. The Mounties allege the charges involve as many as 25 young people. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Retiree finds name on watch list

A 66-year-old former school secretary from Vancouver Island says she has had to shelve her retirement dream of travelling the world because her name has appeared on an international security watch list. Despite recent help from the RCMP, Glenda Hutton, who has no criminal record, has been unable to get her name removed from the list. She was recently rejected from crossing the border into the U.S. CBC NEWS ONLINE

CF not 'diverse' enough: Group

DEREK GORDANIER
Metro Canada

An Ottawa university students' group has voted to discontinue its annual fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis, on the basis that the disease mostly affects "white people, and primarily men," and is not "diverse" enough for students' continued support.

Although some student leaders yesterday downplayed the reference to race and gender, the Carleton University Students Association's (CUSA) resolution includes a line saying that "whereas" CF is a disease "recently revealed to only affect white people, and primarily men" CUSA will discontinue its 'Shinerama' fund raiser, which has raised nearly $1 million locally.

Meera Chander, who seconded the motion, said some students had suggested during Orientation Week that CF did not affect a broad enough range of people to accurately reflect Carleton's makeup.

"(CF) only affects a certain demographic of the population and we feel that we should be focusing more on a local charity … that applies to the demographics of Carleton University," Chander said.

But Cathleen Morrison with the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation said that the students' assertions "are incorrect."

Funding trips up Ballet B.C.

FERNANDO CARNEIRO
Metro Canada

FUNDING There's no one left standing — on their tippy-toes or otherwise — at Ballet B.C. as all 38 dancers and staff were terminated.

The Ballet British Columbia's board of directors issued a news release yesterday saying that "flagging subscriptions and low ticket sales" are to blame. The board called the move a "reorganization."

Leon Feizo-Gas said the dancers were in rehearsal when the announcement was made.

"There were a lot of tears," said Feizo-Gas, who was in his fourth season with Ballet B.C. "I was shocked. It really caught us all off guard."

The one show still on is the presentation of the Nutcracker in late December. "We are asking everyone to go and buy tickets for Nutcracker," Graeme Barrit, chairman of the board of directors and president of the Vancouver-based company said. "If we sell out Nutcracker, Ballet B.C. will survive."

In the meantime, the board is asking for support at all levels of governments as well as from private-sector sponsors and individual donors.

RAFE ARNOTT/METRO CANADA

Leon Faizo-Gas, at the Scotiabank Dance Centre downtown Vancouver yesterday, is one of 18 dancers terminated by Ballet B.C.

Food bank use up among working Canadians: Charity

MONEY Working Canadians are turning to food banks in record numbers and the demand is set to increase as the global financial crisis hits harder and people take lower-paying jobs, a leading charity said Tuesday.

numbers

- 700,000 are helped by a food bank every month, says Food Banks Canada.

Food Banks Canada said a record 14.5 per cent of Canadian households with at least one working adult were receiving help from food banks, up from 11.9 per cent in 2002.

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RCMP back on the trail of Montreal mobster
Mounties have renewed their hunt for a Montreal gangster who has been on the lam for nearly a decade. The RCMP said they are "working very aggressively" to track down Camille Francoeur, allegedly a former member of the Dubois clan that operated in Montreal in the 1960s and '70s. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Muslim leader's visit 'blessing'

KRISTEN THOMPSON
Metro Canada

RAFE ARNOTT / METRO CANADA

Premier Gordon Campbell, left, escorts the Aga Khan into the Pan Pacific Hotel for a meeting and luncheon yesterday.

The spiritual leader of 15 million Shia Ismaili Muslims and head of the world's largest NGO, the Aga Khan, thanked Canada for contributions to global charity and goodwill during a trip to Vancouver.

Yesterday, around 25,000 people descended upon B.C. Place for a religious gathering, while others amassed outside the Pan Pacific Hotel where he met with Premier Gordon Campbell.

Rahim Kanani said Vancouverites are privileged the Aga Khan has chosen to come here. "It's a great blessing to see him walk by," he said.

Kanani Almas, who was raised in Uganda, said she was "fortunate" to have gone to an Aga Khan school. "(I want) to show my appreciation to him. And he's our spiritual leader, so this is a spiritual experience," she said.

At a private luncheon at the Pan Pacific, the Aga Khan thanked Canada for welcoming various diasporas and contributing globally to the values of his Aga Khan Development Network, which aims to improve education and standards of living in developing nations.

"Not only because you have received these (people), but you have given them the wherewithal to return to their country and bring back … the values of Canada."

Premier Gordon Campbell said the Aga Khan is the model for tolerance that B.C. and Canada strive to embody.

Golden voyage

- The Aga Khan, 70, was travelling across Canada celebrating his golden jubilee, drawing thousands of followers from around the world.

Santa's 'postal elves' making magic happen despite strike

OTTAWA A little thing like a Canada Post strike is not going to get in the way of a happy holiday season.

Santa Claus' North Pole Post Office is open for business — and jolly old St. Nick's postal elves (Canada Post employees and retirees) are raring to go, said spokeswoman Nicole Lemire.

She said the strike will have no effect on the project, which has been receiving and answering Santa's mail for the past 26 years.

"This is a priority," she said at the national launch of the program.

As children from Vincent Massey Public School penned letters to Santa yesterday, Lemire explained that the program — which employs 11,000 volunteers a year — replied to 1.2 million letters and 45,000 e-mails in 27 languages and in Braille last year.

"Santa gets more e-mails every year," said Lemire. **METRO CANADA**

News in brief

RULING The Federal Court of Appeal has ruled against Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. and Canadian National Railway Co. in a battle over grain-hauling revenue and the cost of maintaining the government's grain car fleet. Canada's two largest railways said yesterday the ruling would cost each of them $23 million in revenue from the 2007-08 crop year, with CN warning it will have to review future investments. The ruling is part of a long-running battle between the railways and grain farmers over rates and service levels. **REUTERS**

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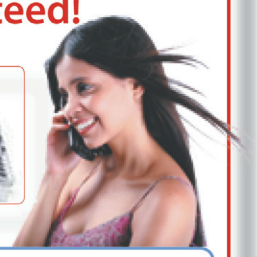

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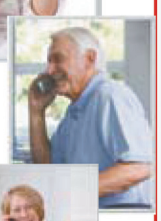
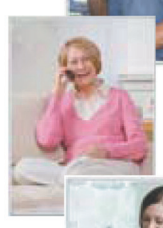

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Church upset at German man selling Jesus chocolates

Germany's churches criticized a businessman yesterday for selling thousands of Jesus chocolates. Frank Oynhausen set up his "Sweet Lord" chocolate Jesus-making business saying he wanted to restore some traditional religious values to Christmas in Germany. REUTERS

World

Keeping Mussolini's name alive

An Italian right-wing party is offering 1,500 euros ($2,400) to parents who name their babies after wartime fascist dictator Benito Mussolini or his wife Rachele, saying their names are under threat. The MSI-Fiamma Tricolore party, the descendant of Mussolini's fascist party, said the initiative in the poor, southern region of Basilicata was meant to keep alive names "at risk of extinction" and pay tribute to the movement's roots. REUTERS

Man sentenced to life for raping daughters

A British man was sentenced to life in prison yesterday for repeatedly raping his two daughters over a 25-year period, fathering seven children by them during years of violence and abuse.

A court in Sheffield, northern England, heard that the 56-year-old took pleasure in the harm he did to his daughters, whom he began abusing at the age of eight, threatening them with violence if they refused to have sex with him, Britain's Press Association reported.

The violence, abuse and incest — the man made his daughters pregnant a total of 19 times — recall the case of Josef Fritzl, the Austrian rapist who kept his daughter locked in a dungeon for 24 years, fathering seven children by her.

"When either one of his victims tried to end the sexual abuse, he threatened to kill them and their children."
Nicholas Campbell, lawyer

"When either one of his victims tried to end the sexual abuse, he threatened to kill them and their children, and when they threatened to tell police, he said they would not be believed," lawyer Nicholas Campbell told the court.

The convicted man's son described him as having a "Jekyll and Hyde" personality that could turn to anger in a split second.

The court heard that the father would hold his younger daughter's face close to a fire, singeing her eyes, if she refused to do what he told her to, and at other times he held a knife to her throat, threatening to kill her.

"The victims were too frightened to tell anyone, even their mother," Campbell said. "The defendant played Russian roulette as to whether there would be complications in the pregnancies and with the health of his daughters." REUTERS

Guatemala **Protesting violence against women**

DANIEL LECLAIR/REUTERS

Activists dressed as mimes perform a sketch about violence against women during a march to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women in Guatemala City yesterday.

Protestors storm Bangkok airport

THAILAND Thousands of bemused tourists were left stranded yesterday in Bangkok after anti-government protesters stormed the terminal of one of Asia's busiest airports.

"There are a lot of people with sticks and baseball bats. They looked ready for a fight. We don't know what's going on," Belgian Ben Creemers said as People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD) supporters rampaged round the $4 billion new terminal.

Airline and airport officials simply melted away, pulling down the shutters and deserting their posts at the approach of members of the PAD. REUTERS

Obama plans to hack billions from spending

DEBT President-elect Barack Obama vowed yesterday to cut billions of dollars from wasteful government programs as he sought to reassure Americans anxious about a growing mountain of debt and a faltering economy.

Obama held a second news conference in Chicago in two days, and planned a third for today, seeking to calm see-sawing financial markets looking for signs that his incoming administration has a viable plan to tackle the worst economic crisis in decades.

He was expected to move away from the economy by early next week and announce some national security choices. They were reported to include making Sen. Hillary Clinton secretary of state and asking current Defense Secretary Robert Gates to continue in his post.

In his news conference yesterday Obama vowed to run a cost-effective and efficient government. REUTERS

Fed to spend $800B on debt

ECONOMY The U.S. Federal Reserve unveiled an $800-billion US plan yesterday to buy mortgage-related debt and back consumer loans as it tries to revive the U.S. lending market and steer the global economy away from a deep recession.

As the Fed announced its move, the United States posted the sharpest fall in gross domestic product since 2001, likely joining Europe in recession, while China's economy is now expected to grow next year at the slowest pace since 1990.

The Fed's move is intended to strike at the heart of U.S. economic woes, the collapsed housing market. The resulting meltdown in the high-risk mortgage market engulfed the world and caused the worst financial crisis in 80 years, freezing access to credit, sparking bank collapses and requiring the bailout of entire countries. REUTERS

Mining takeover bid ends

- Mining company BHP Billiton's $66-billion US bid for rival Rio Tinto became the latest corporate casualty of global economic turmoil, with BHP blaming the financial crisis and sliding metals prices.

News in brief

BODY Poland exhumed the remains of wartime prime minister and military leader General Wladyslaw Sikorski yesterday to settle the mystery surrounding his death in 1943.

IRAN Shirin Ebadi, winner of the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize for her human rights work in Iran, said at least six juvenile offenders have been executed by Iran's judiciary since March.

RUSSIA A car exploded in Russia's second-largest city of St Petersburg yesterday, killing three people and seriously injuring a fourth, the Emergencies Ministry said. REUTERS

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Europe haggles over cost of space ambitions
European nations wrangled over funding for the International Space Station yesterday at a meeting to divide up 10 billion euros of space spending at a time when the planet is gripped by economic crisis. **REUTERS**

News in brief

U.S. A van close to the Arizona-Mexico border was packed with illegal immigrants, officials said yesterday. **REUTERS**

Brazilian landslides kill 84

Isolated towns in southern Brazil appealed for medicine and other supplies yesterday as the deaths from landslides rose to 84 and thousands of people remained cut off from aid, clean water and power.

PATRICK RODRIGUES/REUTERS

Residents loot a flooded supermarket in Itajai city in the Brazilian state of Santa Catarina yesterday.

Days of heavy rain have devastated areas of Santa Catarina state, the heartland of German and Italian immigrants in Brazil, burying houses and their residents in rivers of mud, collapsing roads and forcing more than 54,000 people out of their homes.

Another 30 people were missing and eight areas remained completely cut off, the civil defence agency said, as medicine, food and other basic supplies began to arrive from the federal government and neighbouring states.

"We had a tsunami of clay, mud and trees," seamstress Josiane Malmann told Globo TV after being rescued by helicopter with a group of 200 people who were trapped in Ilhota.

"The hills all fell in an avalanche."

Five hundred soldiers were sent to Blumenau, where 13 people were killed by landslides and drinking water was expected to be cut off until Friday. Blumenau was the town with the worst death toll so far, of 20.

REUTERS

British couple in Dubai beach sex case spared jail

UAE Two Britons convicted of engaging in sexual acts on a Dubai beach had their jail term suspended by an appeal court yesterday, meaning they will be freed and deported.

In October, Vince Acors and Michelle Palmer were sentenced to three months in jail followed by deportation after being convicted on two charges of engaging in sexual activity outside of wedlock, and for doing so in public.

They had pleaded not guilty to the charges.

"This shows the law in the United Arab Emirates is just."
Hassan Mattar

In its ruling, the court also upheld a 1,000 dirham ($335) fine imposed on both for an alcohol-related offence.

"This shows the law in the United Arab Emirates is just," said Hassan Mattar, the pair's lawyer. **REUTERS**

Vatican set to go green with big solar panel roof

ENVIRONMENT The Vatican was set to go green today with the activation of a new solar energy system to power several key buildings and a commitment to use renewable energy for 20 per cent of its needs by 2020.

The massive roof of the Vatican's "Nervi Hall," where popes hold general audiences and concerts are performed, has been covered with 2,400 photovoltaic panels — but they will not be visible from below, leaving the Vatican skyline unchanged.

The new system on the 5,000-square-metre roof will provide for all the year-round energy needs of the hall and several surrounding buildings, producing 300 kilowatt hours of clean energy a year.

The system, devised by the German company SolarWorld, will allow the 108-acre city-state to cut its carbon dioxide emissions by about 225,000 kilograms. **REUTERS**

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Former MTV exec named MySpace Music president
MySpace, the popular social networking website owned by News Corp., said yesterday former MTV executive Courtney Holt will become president of its MySpace Music joint venture with the four major record companies. REUTERS

Job-seekers go online

Networking websites spike

The economic crisis slamming firms across the globe has sparked a spike in usage of professional networks — Xing and LinkedIn are key sites — as people hedge against losing work and laid-off employees seek jobs.

Traffic on the world's top professional web networks has surged since the financial crisis started to make headlines, with top player, privately held LinkedIn, notching 25 per cent more registrations in September than forecast.

"Nobody has ever seen anything like this before," said Kevin Eyres, head of LinkedIn's operations in Europe. "Now we are growing by almost one new user each second."

Membership on LinkedIn has jumped to more than 31 million from 18 million at the start of the year, growing fastest in the financial services, media, education and technology fields, Eyres said.

Martin Olausson, director of the digital media strategies unit at research firm Strategy Analytics, estimated the size of the online professional social networking market at about $170 million US this year.

> **"Now we are growing by almost one new user each second."**
> Kevin Eyres, head of LinkedIn in Europe

Professional sites seek to distance themselves from social networks such as Facebook with their more sober approach, and by giving members more control over their profiles.

Sheridan Evans uses both LinkedIn and Xing, but also Paris-headquartered Viadeo and the largest address-book site Plaxo, to identify potential candidates. It has directed many people to their new jobs using such networks, Evans said.

Already, an estimated 150,000 jobs have been lost globally in the financial sector alone. REUTERS

Bee story **Pollination secrets**

DARREN STAPLES/REUTERS

Beekeeper Clive Joyce holds a honeycomb at the National Beekeeping Centre in Stoneleigh, central England, recently. In the United States, fruit farmers pay to have bees trucked thousands of miles to pollinate their crops, and in parts of China, humans with feather dusters have taken on the task. But in Britain, most bees go nature's way.

Argentina moves to beat crisis

ECONOMY Argentine President Cristina Fernandez unveiled proposals yesterday aimed at shielding the country from a global slowdown by boosting investment and protecting jobs. Argentina has been slower than its neighbours to admit the financial crisis could end a five-year economic boom. REUTERS

Ice Age, not hunters, killed cave bears: Study

EXTINCT Giant cave bears froze to death during the last Ice Age in Europe about 28,000 years ago, according to a study released today that cleared human hunters of driving them to extinction thousands of years later.

The largely vegetarian bears, weighing up to a ton and bigger than modern polar bears or Kodiak bears, apparently died off as a sharp cooling of the climate led to a freeze that killed off the fruits, nuts and plants they ate.

The bears vanished 27,800 years ago, or about 13,000 years earlier than previously believed, the scientists in Austria and Britain said in a study of bear remains using radiocarbon dating completed at hibernation sites in the Alps.

"Our work shows that the cave bear ... was one of the earliest to disappear," Martina Pacher, one of the co-authors at the University of Vienna said in a statement. REUTERS

Background

- Cave bears roamed from what is now Spain to the Ural Mountains, and were one of several large creatures — such as the woolly mammoth, woolly rhinoceros, giant deer and cave lion — to vanish during the Ice Age that ended 10,000 years ago.

Genes that raise heart risks are amplified in diabetics

RESEARCH Genes that increase the risk of heart disease in the general population carry an even greater risk of heart trouble in diabetics, U.S. researchers said yesterday.

The findings may help better identify which diabetics are at risk for heart disease and could lead to new treatments, researchers said.

In the general population, people who have a common genetic flaw in a gene on chromosome 9p21 are at higher risk of developing coronary artery disease, which can lead to heart attacks and strokes. REUTERS

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Moon's spin on hate speech

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My hero is a guy called Richard Moon. Other people have their Sidney Crosbys or Beyoncés, but I want Richard Moon's autograph. I'm thinking of mounting his picture on my office wall. He's the man.

Who, you ask, is Richard Moon? Well, he's a professor at the University of Windsor who has written a report, released this week, recommending that the Canadian Human Rights Commission no longer investigate complaints relating to hate speech.

Who cares about that, you snort? You should, as the Human Rights Commission and all its little provincial sprouts make it their business to monitor your every thought, word and deed and decide whether or not you're playing by the rules.

The only problem is the commissions make the rules with zero input from me or you and they have a tendency to get zealous in their defence of the allegedly offended.

I've already written here about the sad case of Mark Steyn, the neo-conservative Maclean's journalist who was dragged through an interminable investigation hosted by the B.C. Human Rights Commission for the crime of writing a peevish piece about Islam, only after the determined complainant was turned down by the Canadian and Ontario commissions.

Even if they reluctantly concluded that they had no jurisdiction in the matter, they couldn't resist using their bully pulpits to bring him down a peg.

But not before the heads of both the CHRC and its Ontario counterpart, Jennifer Lynch and Barbara Hall, respectively, took public shots at Steyn. Even if they reluctantly concluded that they had no jurisdiction in the matter, they couldn't resist using their bully pulpits to bring him down a peg.

Who do they think they are, journalists?

Anyway, my new hero was commissioned to write a report in the wake of the Steyn furor, and I bet it spoiled more than one bureaucrat's day as his principle recommendation is to repeal the section of the Canadian Human Rights Act, Section 13, dealing with hate speech.

He was quick to point out we already have plenty of protection against hate speech. It's called the Criminal Code of Canada, which bans the willful promotion of hate. But that's not enough for the thought police, who have duplicated these provisions ad nauseam across the country, just in case someone has an errant thought.

But in this social networking age, every errant thought is posted on the Internet and the thought police are wearing themselves ragged trying to stem the tide.

So instead of trying to shut down hate-filled stupidity wherever it rears its head, destroying free and honest expression in the process, Moon offers the following common sense approach: "Find ways other than censorship to respond to expression that stereotypes and defames." Argument, debate, discussion, dialogue: Whatever you want to call it, it beats the kind of kangaroo court justice practised by human rights commissions.

Now, let's just hope someone doesn't complain to the human rights commission about Richard Moon.

Paul Sullivan is a Vancouver-based journalist and owner of Sullivan Media Consulting.

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Word on the street: Do you think the North American auto industry deserves a government bailout?

Danielle Duke
age 19, Calgary

A: They probably should give them a bailout just to make sure the economy doesn't drop any more than it already has.

Kyle Button
age 24, Calgary

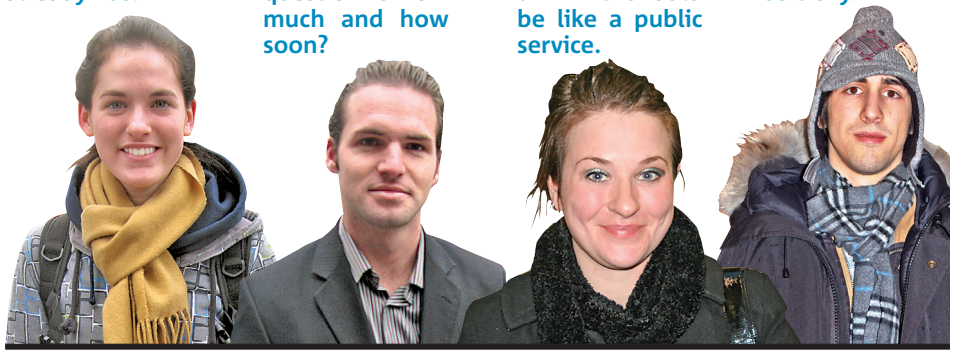
A: It's such a big part of our economy, and I don't think it would hurt anything — they certainly need it. The big question is how much and how soon?

Tanya Kozakewich
age 29, Edmonton

A: Driving a car is a luxury, it's not an automatic necessity. If they're suffering, I just don't think it should be like a public service.

Mike Haddad
age 22, Toronto

A: No. They're hoping that billions of dollars will do what hundreds of millions hasn't already done. It's so crazy.



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In Australia, the Aboriginals share a unique tradition, going "walkabout." The term describes how Aboriginals return to the bush for spiritual replenishment – a time when they re-connect with their traditional way of life, the land and their ancient rites and customs. The urge to return to the bush is an individual and profoundly personal one and the length of time taken for this spiritual replenishment will vary.

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"As an Australian filmmaker I am using my country as a canvas on which to create a metaphor for 'the faraway'. It is an exotic place ... where you can be transformed by experience and ultimately by love.

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Baz Luhrmann,
Director Australia

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Follow the rainbow on the Great Barrier Reef

Home to the famous Great Barrier Reef, Queensland is a true diving and snorkeling paradise. The World Heritage Centre lists it as the world's largest reef; in fact, its sheer size is so expansive it's the only living organism, which can be seen from outer space.

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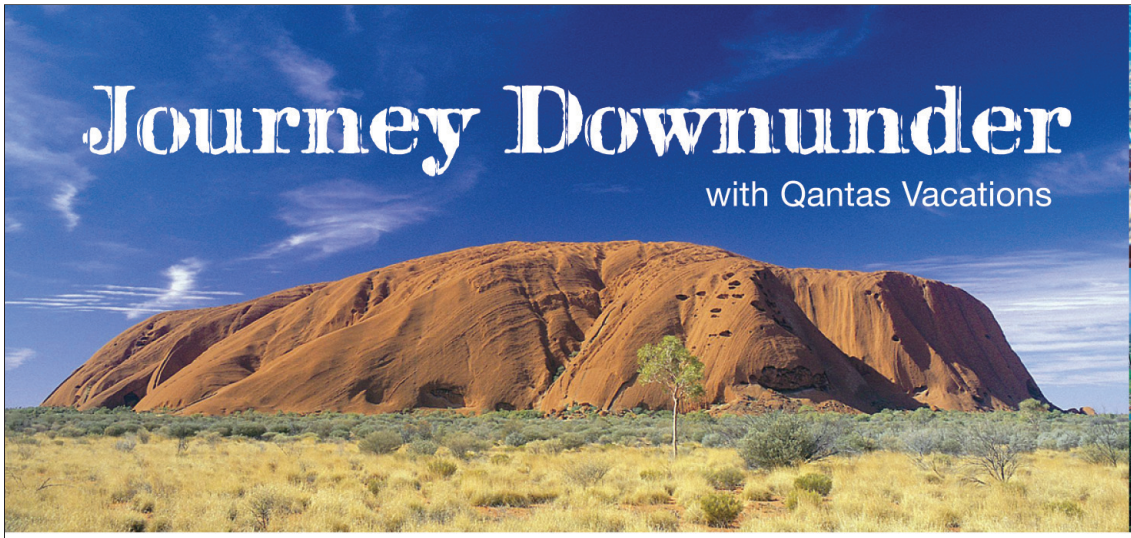

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SCOUTING FOR LOCATIONS

Set on the explosive brink of World War II, *Australia* is the epic tale of one woman's journey to a faraway continent. Starring Nicole Kidman as a buttoned-up English aristocrat who comes to save the land she has inherited and Hugh Jackman as the rough-hewn local who helps her, they embark on a trip together across hundreds of miles of the world's most beautiful, yet unforgiving terrain, only to face the bombing of the city of Darwin.

In this lush telling, the landscape becomes its own character, inspiring viewers to reconnect with their spirit of romance and love of adventure in a way that only Australia can. Shot on location in Darwin, Sydney, the Kimberley region, and Bowen, a coastal town in Queensland, viewers get a sense of the dramatic and rugged landscape, stretches of sparsely populated wilderness, and cities of the day, like Sydney and Darwin.

Bullo River Station

Thought to be the inspiration behind Faraway Downs, the homestead featured in the film, Bullo Rover Station is in the north west corner of the Northern Territory and home to around 900,000 cattle, a stunning variety of native Australian animals including wallabies and dingoes as well as thousands of migratory birds and massive Boab trees. For more info, visit **www.australiasoutback.com**

Kununurra

Fertility waters? Nicole Kidman caused quite a stir when she recently named a local waterfall just outside of Kununnurra for helping her and other members of the crew in falling pregnant during shooting. Kununurra is an aboriginal word meaning "big water". For more information, visit **www.westernaustralia.com**

The Kimberley

When cast and crew had a break from shooting in the majestic Kimberley region, they shopped for Argyle diamond and Paspaley Pearls as gifts for friends and family.

South Australia

The South Australian Outback is a boundless place of inspiration and enigmatic glamour, where endless sunset skies give way to an explosion of stars in an uninterrupted, deep blue night. Be inspired by the thrill of driving cattle across Australia's vast outback and join The Great Australian Outback Cattle Drive. For more information, visit **www.southaustralia.com**

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Bowen

Bowen, a sleepy coastal town in northern Queensland was transformed during shooting to become WWII Darwin. After filming, a "Thank you Bowen" concert was played featuring none other than Nicole Kidman's husband, Keith Urban. For more info, visit **www.destinationqueensland.com**

Sydney

Hugh Jackman was born and grew up in Sydney and Nicole Kidman was raised here. Baz Luhrmann and Catherine Martin were also born in New South Wales, Catherine in Sydney and Baz in Herons Creek, a tiny rural settlement in the northern part of the state. For more information, visit **www.sydneyaustralia.com**

Melbourne

A great city to wine and dine that special someone, Melbourne boasts great events, a passion for food and wine and a fabulous arts scene. Known as a style-setter, Melbourne is home to a non-stop program of festivals, renowned dining, major art exhibitions and musical extravaganzas. For more information, visit **www.visitmelbourne.com**

Tasmania

Australia's island state is known for its accessible wilderness, fresh produce and relaxed lifestyle. You could create your own epic love story on self-drive holiday around Tasmania. For more information, visit **www.discovertasmania.com**

Australia movie locations

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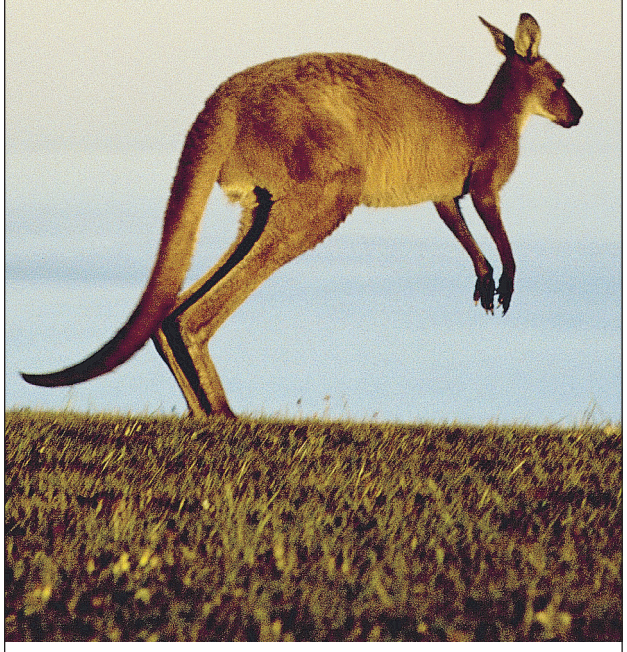
Kangaroo Island
South Australia

Teeming with kangaroos, koalas, wallabies, seals, sea lions, penguins and goannas, this is the best place in Australia to see the widest range of free roaming native animals in their natural habitat. Otherwise known as "Australia's Galapagos" the island has retained its rich diversity of wildlife, much of which is not found on the mainland. The Island is also recognized for its sublime coastlines, rural life, friendly locals, exceptional wineries and epicurean delights.

Kangaroo Island is also home to Australia's first luxury lodge, Southern Ocean Lodge, which opened in early 2008. Easily accessible by air (30 minutes from Adelaide) and ferry, Kangaroo Island is the ideal place to start your very own Australian adventure. For more information visit **southaustralia.com**



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The adventure begins at Nilpena, a working cattle station on the edge of LakeTorrens, where participants meet the drovers and are provided with horses and equipment necessary for two days in the saddle. A degree of riding experience is required along with a moderate level of fitness.

During the tour, riders will find themselves immersed in an authentic Australian Outback adventure, working alongside drovers, dining with them around the campfire, and hearing about their unique lifestyle. Guests will learn to identify animal tracks and native plants while they herd approximately 200 cattle across red desert landscapes and sandy creek beds lined with river gum trees. Packed lunches and billy tea breaks, plus the opportunity to go in search of rare wildlife, such as the shy and elusive yellow-footed rock wallaby, are also included.

Sleep under the stars in authentic Australian swag and one night at the award-wining Parachilna's Prairie Hotel, quite possibly Australia's most famous, and luxurious, Outback hotel renowned for its specialty "feral food," including kangaroo, emu, camel, native limes, and bush tomatoes.

For further information on this tour, please visit **www.prairiehotel.com.au** and for more information on South Australia, visit **www.southaustralia.com**

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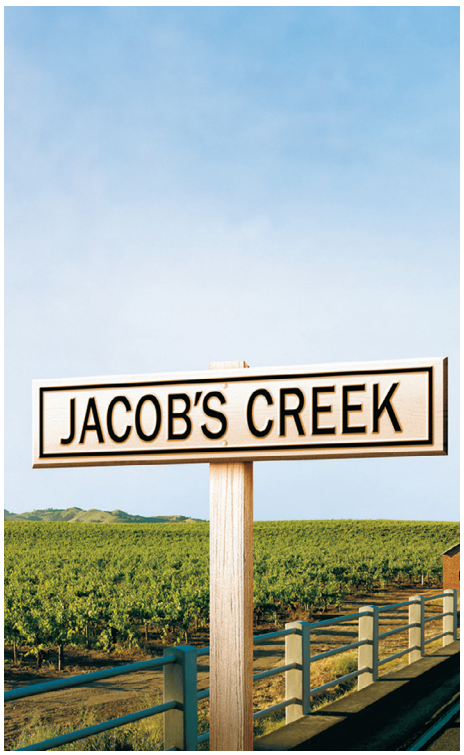
The creek has seen a few changes since those first plantings, and we now source our grapes from many of the finest regions in Australia. What hasn't changed is the pride we take in the wines we make.

Jacob's Creek® wines may come from Australia, but they're crafted to be enjoyed wherever you are. For a great experience at your place, we've created recipes specifically to pair with each Jacob's Creek® wine. Here's one to try this Holiday season.



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T-Bone Steak with Mushroom Butter
Jacob's Creek® Reserve Shiraz – Serves 4

4 T-Bone Steaks

Mushroom Butter:

- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup Cremini mushrooms, diced
- 1 tablespoon dried Porcini mushrooms, soaked, rinsed and chopped
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- ½ cup white wine
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon fresh chives, chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- ½ teaspoon each salt and pepper

Sauté Cremini mushrooms in 2 tablespoons of the butter until soft.

Add Porcini mushrooms along with garlic and sauté a further 1 to 2 minutes. Add the white wine, increase heat and simmer until almost all of the liquid has reduced. Add lemon juice, reduce once again, turn off heat and fold through herbs with mustard, salt and pepper. Allow mixture to cool down to room temperature.

In a food processor, process remaining butter until light and creamy. Add cooled mushroom mixture and pulse so as to keep the mixture rough in texture.

To make your butter log, lay a large piece of foil on a flat surface. Place butter in the centre of the foil in a long line (about 30 cm), leaving a few centimetres of foil at either end. Fold foil over lengthwise to roll butter into a log, twist ends and refrigerate until firm.

to serve:

Grill or BBQ steaks until done. Slice four 1-cm discs of butter from log and place each onto a steak. Butter discs should melt over steaks as they are being brought to the table. You can always store remaining butter in the freezer for future use.

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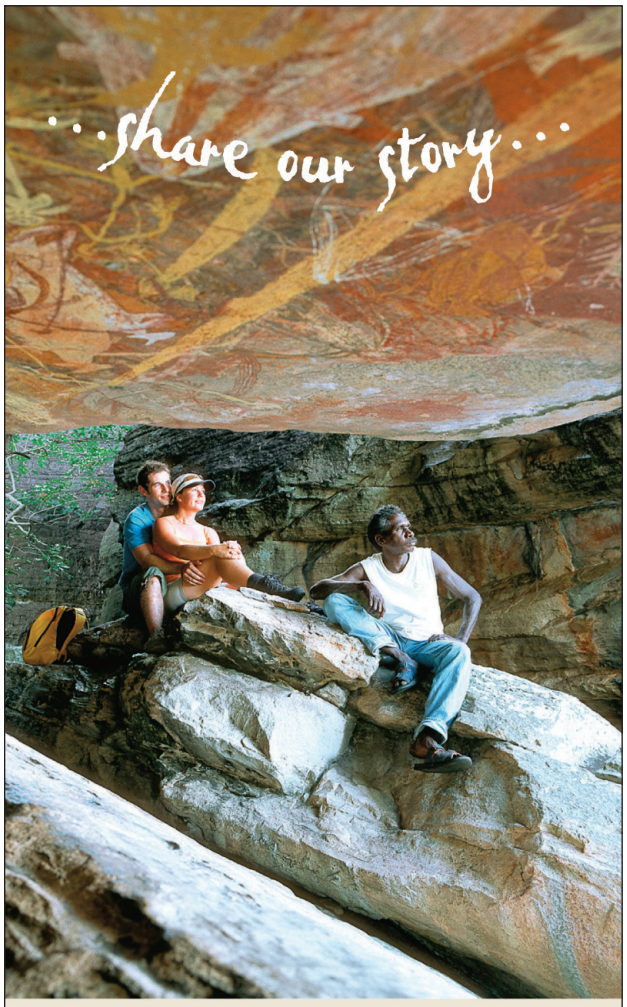
Arnott's Tim Tams

Australia's favourite biscuits, Tim Tams, are made from two layers of chocolate malted biscuit separated by a light cream filling and coated in a thin layer of chocolate. Aficionados enjoy their Tim Tams using the Tim Tam Slam, a technique that involves biting off opposite corners of the biscuit and using it as a straw to sip a hot beverage such as coffee or tea. Ex-pat Australians and Canadian chocolate lovers are rejoicing that Tim Tams are now available in Canada.



The Art of the Outback

Connect with the oldest living culture on earth or lend an ear to a local for a colorful story of pioneering days gone by. Australia's Northern Territory is a place to discover Australia's cultural heritage first hand and learn ancient Dreamtime stories of the indigenous Aboriginals that will leave you with heartfelt memories and friendships to last a lifetime. Embrace the true spirit of exploration and replenish your spirit as you experience the real outback life in Australia's Northern Territory.

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Australia's Outback

Uluru in the Northern Territory is one of Australia's most recognisable natural icons—a huge, rounded sandstone monolith, 9.4 kilometres in circumference, rising to a height of more than 340 metres above the plain. Uluru is a unique and beautiful place that has spiritual and cultural significance to the traditional Indigenous landowners of the area, the Anangu people. One of its most striking features is its apparent ability to 'change colour' as the light plays across it during the course of a day.

One of the best ways to travel to the Red Centre and traverse the Australian outback is on The Ghan. Boarding in Adelaide or Darwin, experience one of the most fascinating great train journeys of the world. Marvel at the spectacular Australian landscapes from fertile countryside surrounding Adelaide to the rusty hues of the Red Centre, onto the tropical splendour of the Top End. The train's emblem, of course, is an Afghan mounted on a camel, tribute to the redoubtable cameleers who, with their plodding .beasts somehow found a way across the red heart of Australia while constructing the overland telegraph line. For more information, visit **www.australiasoutback.com**

Escapes

The population of Coober Pedy in South Australia's northern Outback is almost as colourful as the opals that have made the town famous. About half the town's 4000 residents, who hail from 50 countries, live underground in 'dug-outs' to escape the 44°C (111°F) heat in summer. In this cosmopolitan mining town, fortunes from the earth can be made overnight, and as a tourist destination it attracts 100,000 visitors every year. Coober Pedy is also home to the only international underground hotel, the Desert Cave Hotel. For more information, visit **www.australia.com**

In outback Queensland, on the escarpments to the west of the Atherton Tableland you'll find Wrotham Park Lodge. One of Australia's most luxurious outback experiences is

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AIG executive gets salary of one dollar
American International Group Inc. chief executive Edward Liddy will receive $1 US in salary this year and next, and there will be no bonuses for the company's top seven senior executives. Fifty more execs will also be locked out of pay raises in 2009. **REUTERS**

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Petro-Can joint venture unlikely: CEO

OIL Petro-Canada will not give up a stake in its oilsands operations in order to acquire refining capacity to process the tar-like bitumen to be produced at its planned Fort Hills oil sands mine, its chief executive said yesterday.

Ron Brenneman said the company was not interested in forming a joint venture with a U.S. refiner that would dilute ownership of its oil sands assets.

It's more likely the company would buy or invest in a refiner, Brenneman said.

Both EnCana Corp. and Husky Energy Inc. have formed such ventures, surrendering half stakes in oil sands projects in return for an interest in U.S. refineries. The move allows them to avoid building expensive upgraders to process their oilsands bitumen. **REUTERS**

Automakers could cut 15,000 jobs: think-tank

AUTOS Beleaguered automakers in Canada will wipe out at least 15,000 jobs and post staggering losses of more than $3.1 billion this year and in 2009 before starting a recovery in 2010, according to the Conference Board.

The slowdown in the U.S. auto market, a shift to more fuel-efficient vehicles not built in Canada and a strong dollar will continue to pummel automakers here for another year, the board said yesterday in its latest outlook for the sector.

The sector "has been battered by an unrelenting barrage of structural and macroeconomic developments over the last two years, a trend that is unlikely to subside as 2009 approaches," board economist Sabrina Browarski said in the outlook report.

"Once a stalwart of the post-NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) Canadian economy, the automotive sector will shrink for its fourth consecutive year in 2009." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Car sales driven up 1.1% despite downturn

Despite troubles in the auto industry, Canadians bought a lot of new cars in September, helping to push up overall retail sales in the month by an unexpectedly strong 1.1 per cent from August.

New car sales jumped 2.9 per cent in value terms in September and the number of vehicles sold also rose. The automotive sector as a whole — which encompasses used vehicles and parts and gasoline — rose 2.2 per cent.

Statistics Canada said yesterday the increase in retail sales was largely due to the first rise in new vehicle purchases since January.

"All economists are eating some humble pie on this one." Derek Holt

Car dealers in Canada forecast that 2008 will be the second or third best year on record for new vehicle sales, even as auto manufacturers complain of plummeting U.S. sales.

The September gain more than offset August's 0.3 per cent decline in retail sales and made economists look excessively downbeat with their median forecast of a 0.3 per cent increase.

"All economists are eating some humble pie on this one as growth in total sales nearly tripled estimates, while growth in core sales ex autos quadrupled consensus predictions," said Derek Holt, economist at Scotia Capital.

The rise in car sales does not mean smooth sailing for the Canadian auto manufacturing industry, however, as about one in nine cars made in Canada is exported to the United States, where car sales are at depressed levels.

The good news is unlikely to last through the fourth quarter as the impact of the global financial crisis hit the Canadian economy in full force in October, as business and consumer spending, export levels and commodity prices decline. **REUTERS**

Business in brief

NETWORKS Shares of Cisco Systems Inc. were down six per cent to $15.41 US on Nasdaq yesterday after the network equipment maker, a bellwether for the technology sector, said Nov. 5 it would shut down most its U.S. and Canadian business for five days as part of its previously announced plan to cut costs by more than $1 billion. **REUTERS**

Utley has surgery
Philadelphia Phillies second baseman Chase Utley had arthroscopic hip surgery Monday and is expected to need four to six months to recover. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

"He's a walking train wreck, and unfortunately people turn their heads to watch a train wreck."

Golfer Stuart Appleby, left, about John Daly, right, on what he believes is the reason for Daly's invitation to the Australian Masters tournament. SOURCE: ESPN

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DeAngelis NFL bound?

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Don't be surprised if the CFL's top scorer is kicking around the NFL next season.

Sandro DeAngelis, who connected on five of five field-goal attempts to lead the Calgary Stampeders to the Grey Cup last Sunday, has attracted the interest of dozens of NFL scouts, many of whom attended the CFL's championship game in Montreal. DeAngelis, a 27-year-old native of Niagara Falls, Ont., scored 217 points to finish atop the CFL in the past season.

• The Los Angeles Dodgers are reportedly trying to re-sign free agent Rafael Furcal, whom the Blue Jays dearly covet for two roles — leadoff hitter and shortstop. The Jays likely won't outbid the Dodgers, San Francisco Giants or Oakland A's ... if the A's successfully lure Furcal, they'll trade shortstop Bobby Crosby — and the Jays already have let Oakland know they're interested. The A's might be willing to pick up part of Crosby's $5.25-million salary ... The Jays, meanwhile, continue to pursue slugger Milton Bradley, but sources whisper their Plan B for power could be Ken Griffey Jr.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Here's to coaches

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Bourque, Flames pound Kings

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Flames beat their former squad for the second time this season.

THE SKINNY: The Flames continued their mastery over the Kings at the Pengrowth Saddledome with a convincing win in front of a sold-out crowd. Dating back to March 29, 2006, it's the sixth-straight victory at home for Calgary over Los Angeles.

THE FORMER KINGS: Mike Cammalleri opened the scoring in the first, while Craig Conroy set up three goals to help the Flames beat their former squad for the second time this season.

THE HOT LINE: Playing on a line with Conroy, Rene Bourque scored twice, while Curtis Glencross had a goal and two assists.

THE QUOTE: **"You could smell hockey in the air as soon as we landed.** said former Flame Denis Gauthier, now with the Kings. **"It brings back some good memories."**

THE BIG HIT: Early in the third, Cory Sarich stood up Brian Boyle at the blueline and checked the 6-foot-7, 256-pound Kings forward into the boards and to the ice.

UP NEXT: A home-and-home series with the Canucks starting in Vancouver Thursday (8 p.m., Sportsnet, Fan 960) and back here Saturday.

REUTERS/TODD KOROL

Robyn Regehr hits the Kings' Dustin Brown last night.

Donors step up where governments have failed

VANCOUVER 2010 **Games**

If Helen Upperton's bobsled had wheels, they'd have been spinning.

The promising young pilot was stuck in a rut: fourth at the 2006 Turin Olympics; five fourth-place finishes on the World Cup circuit the following season. She knew her driving was improving, even if the results didn't show it. She also knew she needed a new sled, so she committed herself to doing whatever it took to buy one.

It turned out to be a lot easier than she expected. That summer she hooked up with an outfit called B2ten, a group of well-heeled Canadian businessmen who have pooled about $2 million together to provide Olympians with the extras that could produce a medal at the 2010 Vancouver Games — no strings attached.

It's not a blank cheque. In fact, the athletes don't get any cash. The program provides services and goods to try to complement what already exists and generally recruits athletes who are on the cusp of an international breakthrough but might be short of resources. "They said, 'You tell us what you need and we'll make sure you have it,'" said world champion speed skater Denny Morrison, a B2ten member. Among the other 16 winter athletes in the program are Olympic moguls champion Jennifer Heil, Olympic skeleton silver medallist Jeff Pain, Team Canada hockey goaltender Kim St. Pierre, long-track speed skater Christine Nesbitt and short-track speed skater Francois-Louis Tremblay.

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Canadian athletes involved in the B2ten program look for the winning recipe with chef Matthew Schnarch, far right, during a retreat last year.

Upperton has been one of the major beneficiaries because of the equipment needs in her sport. B2ten has invested well over $100,000 in buying her a sled from the Monaco federation, several sets of steel runners, plus support to help her adapt to the new sled. The help hasn't stopped there. Upperton said B2ten has provided mentoring, advice on team management and dealing with sports politics, access to top athletic trainers like Scott Livingston of the Montreal Canadiens, osteopaths, sports psychologists and a lot more. The donors appear to be in it truly to help the athletes, getting nothing tangible in return but a tax receipt.

"There's no quid pro quo, it's not a marketing type thing, our name isn't on helmets or anything like that," said Barry Heck, a Calgary merchant banker who heads up the western investors.

But Heck said they share a feeling that Canada should be doing a lot better on the international stage but is hurt by abysmal resources.

He said they like the fact the organization is private, there's no politics and not a nickel is spent on administration because all the time is donated. "The athletes are not making money doing it; quite the opposite," he said.

"The passion and dedication that they show, I tell you if that doesn't inspire you as a Canadian or a parent or an individual, I don't know what else can. It really chokes you up. It does."

B2ten happened by accident. It all started with Jenn Heil. Her coach and boyfriend Dominick Gauthier enlisted the help of Montreal businessman J.D. Miller in building a team of experts and financial backers around Heil that helped boost her to Olympic gold at the 2006 Turin Games. Heil lived with the Miller family for the four years leading to the Olympics. The more money Miller raised through his business connections across the country, the more athletes they added.

Claire Angus Caplan of Toronto and her husband, Mark Caplan, were among those recruited by Miller. They became so enamoured with the character of the women's bobsledders that they're now involved in filming a documentary of their Olympic journey. Angus Caplan believes it's the moral support as much as the financial that lifts the athletes.

"Financial is one thing, but I think it's also seeing that people actually give a crap. It really helps inspire them that someone does care."

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New Corolla shows class

Toyota engineers continue to improve global mega-seller

Many people are passionate about the Toyota Corolla according to the Corolla's chief engineer, Shinichi Yasui. He says the original engineering maxims that shaped the Corolla back in the mid-1960s are still followed today. And becoming a member of the Corolla engineering group is one of the most prestigious appointments in the company.

They've sold 33 million since its inception, after all. The newest one started with a new development program that sought to combine the best-in-class aspects from each region in the world into a single car. For instance, during final development the Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada (TMMC) team initiated a few changes — including increasing the distance between the accelerator and brake pedals to accommodate a man's winter boot, increasing the size of storage pockets to fit larger-sized North American electronics, and made the cup-holders big enough for an extra-large double-double.

Oh, and the door pockets were re-shaped to fit an ice scraper — photos and samples were sent to Japanese engineers not familiar with our quintessential winter tool. A few other highlights include dual glove boxes, a purse hook, audio systems with auxiliary input jack on all models, and standard air conditioning. The engineers also added an electric positive temperature coefficient heater system that accelerates the initial warm-up of the cabin when the engine is cold.

That's just the inside.

On the outside, the Corolla was restyled to appear more dynamic and upscale. The new Corolla looks leagues better than the old one — but still looks just like a Camry was distilled into a smaller form factor. The new Corolla is actually 60 mm (2.4 in) wider, 10 mm (0.4-in) longer, and a full 15 mm (0.6 inches) lower than the outgoing model. The new proportions lend the car to better road presence, stability and cabin room.

Inside, the new Toyota Corolla features several improvements including bigger storage pockets and cup-holders, dual glove boxes and a more efficient heating system.

The entire car has moved nearly a class up, and reflects a mid-size car feel in a compact car.

The car also benefits immensely from the use of ultra-high grade steel reinforcements, plus what Toyota calls their "Global Body Line," an advanced automated assembly system used for Lexus vehicles.

The old Corolla used 40 initial body welds, whereas the new car has more than 130. This helps build body rigidity and quality control from the outset.

The new base 1.8-litre four-cylinder engine produces 132 horsepower at 6,000 rpm, and 128 lb-ft of torque at 4,400 rpm. The power is linear and useable for highway merging, while the torque has been tuned to aid in-town puttering. It's standard-fare for CE, LE, and S models — with either a five-speed manual or four-speed automatic transmission.

Returning to the lineup is the XRS model, with a torquey 2.4L 4-cylinder that's a league apart from the original, high-revving XRS featuring the Celica's high-performance motor.

The XRS also gets a few other improvements, like a front strut brace, four-wheel disc brakes, 17-in alloy wheels and vehicle stability control.

Standard Corollas do with rear drum brakes, but ABS with Electronic Brakeforce Distribution and Brake Assist are standard.

The range starts with the well-equipped CE, complete with roll-up windows. Otherwise, it's about all the car you'd ever need. Next up, the LE model is very well equipped, and even features automatic climate control and a smart key system — both features normally found on luxury cars.

Above the LE is the S, featuring a few sporty touches a la the outgoing model, like a sporty body kit and rear spoiler. Fully loaded, the XRS completes the lineup.

The entire car has moved nearly a class up, and reflects a mid-size car feel in a compact car.

CARGUIDE STAFF

2009 Toyota Corolla

Type: Compact car
Price: $14,850
Engine: I4, DOHC, 1.8L / I4, DOHC, 2.4L
HP: 126-158

Highlights

- Larger
- Feels mid-size
- Quieter

Ford, Volvo cars lead safety list

WINNERS Seventy-two vehicles have earned the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's Top Safety Pick award for 2009. This is more than double the number of 2008 recipients and more than three times the number of 2007 winners. Top Safety Pick recognizes vehicles that do the best job of protecting people in front, side, and rear crashes based on good ratings in Institute tests. Winners also have to have electronic stability control (ESC), which research shows significantly reduces crash risk.

For the first time ever, winners represent every class of vehicle the Institute tests except microcars. Most car, minivan, and SUV models, midsize convertibles, and small and large pickups are eligible. Ford and its subsidiary Volvo have 16 winners, including the Ford F-150 large pickup. Thirteen winners are from Honda and its Acura division. The Honda Fit with optional ESC is the first minicar to earn Top Safety Pick.

Honda, Acura, and Subaru, which picked up four awards, are standouts for 2009 because they have at least one Top Safety Pick in every vehicle class in which they compete.

"Consumers are the biggest winners," says Institute president Adrian Lund. "No matter what kind of vehicle buyers may be considering, now they can walk into just about any dealership and find one that affords the best overall protection in serious crashes."

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Volkswagen has launched a full, seven-seat 2009 Routan minivan that will be offered in four trim levels. Styling cues take much from current VW products like the Tiguan-esque front treatment.

Roomy Routan

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

According to Volkswagen Canada president and CEO John White, there still is, and will remain, a market for a vehicle that seats seven in comfort. So Volkswagen is launching a seven-seat minivan called the Routan.

Volkswagen Canada's position is that it's interested primarily in Honda Odyssey and Toyota Sienna buyers as they see an opportunity to attract import-minded consumers. With the cachet of being the only German maker in the mix, they feel they have a whole new market to plumb.

The Routan is being built in Windsor on the same line and using the same platform as the Chrysler Town & Country and the Dodge Grand Caravan. Also, partnering with Chrysler means coming to market a lot sooner than trying to develop one in-house, not to mention being much cheaper.

Volkswagen plans to sell 5,500 units a year which would take them well over the 40,000-sales in Canada target.

Essentially, the Routan has crisp styling with the nose drawing heavily from the Tiguan compact crossover. The seats were made firmer as well as the suspension, in other words, more like a Volkswagen.

There are several minor changes, but what you see is what you get, which is essentially a Chrysler Town & Country, which is not a bad thing.

While the Americans get a choice of three engines, the Canadian Routan comes only with a Chrysler-sourced 4.0-litre, SOHC V6 putting out the same 251 hp and 259 lb/ft of torque as the T&C.

The interior, along with the suspension, was modified to give a more European feel and flair.

In front-drive (all-wheel-drive not available) power goes through a six-speed electronic automatic transmission with sequential shift mode. Fuel consumption is listed at 12.2L/100 km city and 7.9L/100 km highway.

The forward view is commanding and, thankfully, the materials used on the dashboard did not cause a reflection on the huge windshield which is a major failing in many minivans of my experience including the one I currently own.

The 4.0-litre has a lot of poke and the six-speeds mesh so nicely that there is always the right amount of power for conditions.

Canada will get four trim levels: the base Trendline starting at $27,975; the Comfortline starting at $33,975; the Highline starting at $39,975 and the Execline (as tested here) starting at $49,975.

Each model has a large number of standard and optional features. Probably the best way to get a deeper look is to go to www.vw.ca and build one for yourself.

While this is classified as a "small" minivan, it is anything but and will fill any standard-size garage. But when it comes to picking a seat, there won't be any quibbling because there is room for all in the Routan.

With all three rows of seats up, there is 930 litres of cargo space behind the third row. Fold the third row seat beneath the cargo floor and there is 2,400 litres.

The third row, by the way, has three positions including tipping it over backwards to have a tailgate party seating. The second row seats either fold or can be taken out completely for even more cargo space.

Standard features in the all-new 2009 Routan include three-zone climate control, CD player with six speakers, dual sliding side doors, front and side curtain airbags, Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS), and Electronic Stabilization Program (ESP).

2009 VW Routan

Type: Minivan
Price: $27,975-$49,975
Engine: 4.0-litre SOHC V6
HP: 251

Highlights

- Seats seven
- Front-wheel drive
- Plenty of power

Read about the iconic Nissan Cube on metronews.ca/auto

Leibovitz in London
Until Feb. 1, 2009, an exhibit of 150 pictures by New York-based photographer Annie Leibovitz will be on display at the National Portrait Gallery. The pictures range from her most celebrated work to intensely private takes. See *npg.org.uk/annieleibovitz*. METRO WORLD NEWS

Travel

Yotel opens in Amsterdam

Yotel, the airport-based hotel that features "cabins" instead of rooms, has now opened at Amsterdam's Schipol Airport. All 57 cabins boast free Wifi, flat screen televisions and waterfall-like showers. To celebrate the opening, "Yotellers" will be offered a free bottle of champagne if they make sure they plan a stay before the end of December 2008. For reservations, e-mail customer@yotel.com.

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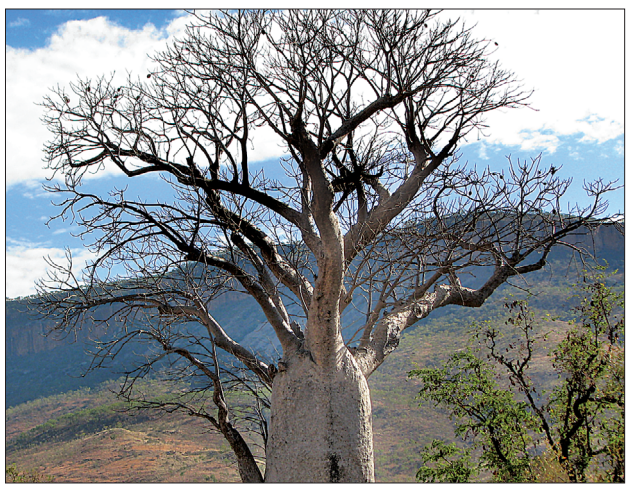

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Left, an aerial view of El Questro Station, a million-acre cattle station that was the scene of the film's dramatic cattle mustering scenes. Right, the boab tree is an iconic part of the Kimberley region.

Gateway to an epic landscape

The tiny town of Kununurra was home to the cast and crew of Australia

MEGAN ANDERSON
for Metro Canada

There's no cinema in Kununurra, a pin prick on the map in Western Australia's remote north west. Celluloid interludes in the sunbaked town are strictly the domain of the drive-in picture theatre. The only red carpet is the region's famous pindan dust.

But the celebrity count was high during the filming of Baz Luhrmann's Australia for five months last year. Locals grew accustomed to seeing Hugh Jackman and wife Deborah-Lee Furness at the supermarket, and Keith Urban at the gym. Urban and wife Nicole Kidman shed their bodyguards to wander the streets, lining up for coffee at the town's only breaky joint like everyone else.

While the action took place largely across Western Australia's vast east Kimberley region, sleeping and down time was spent in Kununurra, population 7,775, the regional hub gazetted just 60-odd years ago in the wake of the Ord River irrigation scheme.

So while the melons and mangoes ripened for another year on the fertile flats, several of Kununurra's well heeled residents vacated their riverfront properties to supply homes away from home for Australia's A-List cast and crew. The main drag, Konkerberry Street, got a new Rodeo Drive ring to it, as its unassuming shopfronts became the favoured haunts for the Kidman-Urban-Jackman ilk.

It might look like a small aircraft hangar from the footpath, for example, but Kimberley Fine Diamonds stocks some of the world's rarest and most dizzyingly expensive diamonds from the nearby Argyle Diamond mine. Proprietor Frauke Bolten-Boshammer is too discreet to say what her famous clients bought (rumour has it that Kidman had a diamond ring designed, but failed to collect it), but visits were long and numerous.

Bolten-Boshammer vacated her own Riverfarm Road house for director Luhrmann, who adopted it as his creative refuge. While the salt water crocodiles lurked a decorous distance from the backyard, he viewed the daily rushes each night. Come shoot's end, she gifted her famous tenant a diamond encrusted 18-carat gold pendant fashioned into the shape of a boab tree. Testament to the optimism radiating from the locals, she intended it as a good luck charm for the Oscars.

Luhrmann's parting gift to the town was a real boab tree, planted in the Celebrity Tree Park where around 150 notables are immortalised in bark and plaque on the banks of Lake Kununurra. He told townsfolk that boabs — gnarly, bulbous-trunked trees which can live for over a thousand years — have a spirituality that spoke to him. The trees, endemic to Western Australia's Kimberley region, became central to the film's visual idiom.

Luhrmann's intention to make Australia a calling card of sorts will doubtless inspire a flurry of pilgrimages to Kununurra and the wider region whose assets have hitherto lurked under a very remote bushel.

Along the sleepy 60-kilometre stretch of the impressive Ord River, for instance, finding a deserted fishing spot with an embarrassment of silver cobbler and exotic bird life is a cinch. The man-made Lake Argyle is so vast it contains its own archipelago and can generate waves up to two metres high.

Kununurra artist and gallery owner Nadeen Lovell knows the beauty well. And the extent to which the film and the town at its nerve centre will remain inextricably linked. A regular with her easel at House Roof Hill, a much-painted scene close to where the film's fictional homestead was built at Carlton Hill Station, she was privy to a conversation with set designers about the vegetable patch they were establishing there to give the homestead authenticity. Lamenting their failure to make the vegetables grow fast enough, Lovell volunteered produce from her own garden.

The next morning at 5 a.m., a crew arrived at her house with a truck and a shovel. They left with a load of fully grown greens destined for a film set more than 100 kilometres away.

Now, like many residents of the Kimberley, Lovell is awaiting the film with bated breath— but not just to see local landmarks writ large on the big screen. She can't wait to see the end of it. The closing credits in particular. Will "Lettuce by Nadeen" be the town's final crowning glory?

Kununurra

- Kununurra is 3,214 kilometres from Perth, and 800 kilometres from Darwin. There are daily flights from both centres flying SkyWest airlines, *skywest.com.au*, and Air North, *airnorth.com.au*. Also visit *kununurratourism.com*.

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Top 10 trekking vacations

For travellers who enjoy getting away from it all, adventure travel site *iexplore.com* has come up with a list of the world's top 10 hiking and trekking vacation spots.

1 Annapurna Circuit, Nepal: The 186.5-mile, three-week Annapurna circuit gets you up close to some of the highest mountains in the Himalayas, and is considered the best hike in the world by many.

2 Appalachian Trail: Each year, tens of thousands of people set off to complete the entire length of this 2,175-mile trail that takes months to complete, while thousands of others hike just sections of the trail.

3 Santa Cruz Trek, Peru: It's a 4-day, 31-mile hike through meadows, turquoise lakes near the highest peaks outside the Himalayas.

4 Kilimanjaro National Park, Tanzania: Apart from the snow-capped cone of Mount Kilimanjaro, the various routes take you through gorges and past Africa's amazing wildlife.

5 Tour de Mont Blanc, France/Italy/Switzerland: The 106-mile trail near the highest peak in the Alps traverses three European borders.

6 West Coast Trail, B.C.: A 75-mile coastal hike on Vancouver Island's pristine wilderness includes views of caves, cliffs, coves, beaches, shipwrecks and much more.

7 Overland Track, Australia: The 80-km Overland Track in Cradle Mountain and Lake St. Clair National Park in Tasmania is often considered Australia's best.

8 Torres del Paine, Chile: Torres del Paine National Park in the far south of Chile is home to two legendary trails: The Loop and the W.

9 John Muir Trail, California: Named after the founder of the Sierra Club, you will traverse Yosemite, Kings Canyon and Sequoia national parks. Photographer Ansel Adams would be jealous.

10 Camino de Santiago, Spain: Hiking this 460-mile pilgrimage footpath, a thousand year old tradition, leads to cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, the third holiest site in Christianity.

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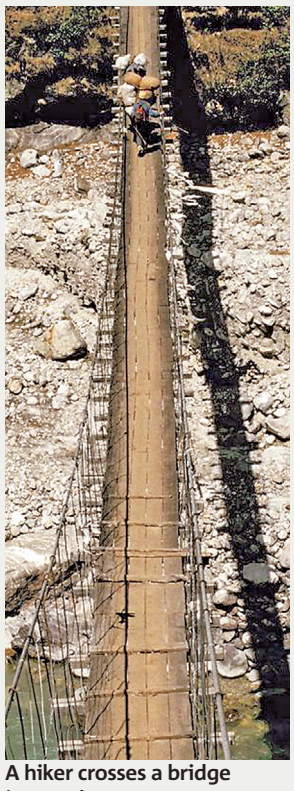
A hiker crosses a bridge in Nepal.

Sleeping in strange places

The**Travel**Junkie

Next time you're looking for a hotel, why not rest your weary head somewhere a little unusual? From survival-pod hotels in Amsterdam to dog-themed motels in the U.S., there are plenty of strange places out there in whichh to catch some shut-eye:

DOG BARK PARK INN: Pit stops to kitschy roadside attractions are a staple of any family car trip across America. So if you find yourself passing through Cottonwood, Idaho. be sure to stay at the Dog Bark Park Inn, *dogbarkparkinn.com*, a B & B guesthouse inside the World's Biggest Beagle. This two-story wooden structure, built to look like a big dog, offers simple accommodations at $92 US/night (including breakfast, which thankfully isn't kibble).

THE CAPSULE INN: If you're claustrophobic, Japan's Capsule Inn, *capsuleinn.com*, may not be for you. Located in Akihabara, an electronics district of Tokyo, the hotel has 10 floors offering space-efficient sleeps in coffin-like suites. Each capsule has blinds, a TV, radio, alarm clock, lights and air-conditioning, all of which must be controlled while in the sleeping position — the capsule is so small, you can't stand up.

CAPSULE HOTEL: Seems like small spaces are all the rage these days. Amsterdam's Capsule Hotel, *capsulehotel.info*, offers oil rig survival pods in which to spend the night. Originally built in 1972, these bright orange life rafts are now being used as quirky accommodations. They're a bit of a tight squeeze but for those who want to get in touch with their inner survivor this sounds like an interesting way to do it.

WOODLYN PARK: This New Zealand complex has an eclectic mix of strange lodging choices. You can sleep in a 1950s Bristol Freighter Plane, which is said to have been one of the last Allied planes out of Vietnam. You can hop on The Waitomo Express, a refurbished rail carriage that sleeps six or you can pretend you're in Bilbo Baggins' Shire, sleeping in an underground Hobbit-esque cottage. Woodlyn Park's newest motel attraction is the Waitanic, a converted Second World War patrol boat. See *woodlynpark.co.nz*.

HEMP HOTEL: As the name suggests, hemp is the theme of the decor. The curtains, the bedding, the soap, the shampoo, even the breakfast are all made from hemp.

Their Hemple Temple Night Bar serves up hemp ice cream, seeds and a dozen kinds of hemp beer. Only in Amsterdam! Visit *hemp-hotel.com*.

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The fight for Nixon
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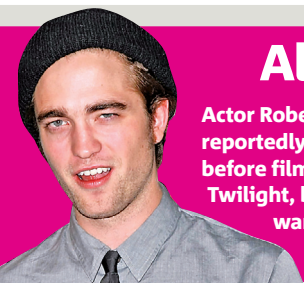

All smiles
Actor Robert Pattinson was reportedly forced to fix his teeth before filming new movie Twilight, because producers wanted him to have an alluring smile. IMDB.COM

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Australia long, but worth it

Australia
Director: Baz Luhrmann
Stars: Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman
Class: STC
Rating: ●●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW There's a lot riding on Australia. For starters, at $130 million, it's the most expensive Aussie film ever made. And while a rather overblown budget is cause enough to concern director Baz Luhrmann (Moulin Rouge), tourism officials are hoping the film will renew their industry as well.

Luhrmann shouldn't worry so much about that. If nothing else, Australia is a beautifully filmed study of a vast land that — as one character says — has "a strange power." What Luhrmann should fret over is the drawn-out narrative that plays to melodramatic excess.

Set during the outbreak of World War II, Australia features Nicole Kidman as Lady Ashley, widow of a mysteriously murdered cattle ranch owner. When confronted by her husband's rival with a takeover bid, Ashley hires a maverick stockman (Hugh Jackman) and joins him on a massive cattle drive across the outback.

While the movie's not short on romance or adventure (including a cattle stampede), this flick really stands apart from its contemporaries through Luhrmann's careful study of Australia's heritage.

Led by 13-year-old newcomer Brandon Walters, Australia sheds light on the Stolen Generations — Aboriginal children who were removed from their families and placed in missions.

Walters is truly the backbone of this movie playing Nullah, a mixed-race child who becomes the surrogate son of Ashley.

Not only does he provide the film with a stirring breakout performance, but some much-needed cultural depth as well.

While sitting for the film's 165-minute length may leave you numb down under, Australia's passion redeems its bulkiness; regardless of its strenuous story, this is still a crusade worth catching.

Visit metronews.ca/movies for screen times and to see the trailers for Australia, Four Christmases and Transporter 3.

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Walters set to interview Obamas

POLITICS The Barack Obama media tour is making another stop — and at another high-profile place.

A week after the president-elect and first lady-elect Michelle Obama spoke to 60 Minutes, they're sitting down for an interview with ABC's Barbara Walters. It'll air as a one-hour special tonight. ABC said the interview would touch on the transition, the economy, foreign policy and how the family is dealing with all the changes.

Frank subject of new film projects

MOVIES Anne Frank is the subject of two film projects that are being developed.

Jacqueline van Maarsen's book My Name Is Anne, She Said, Anne Frank will be made into a film as a joint production of Sam-Film and CTM Films BV.

Italian International Films is producing Memories of Anne Frank, an adaptation of Alison Leslie Gold's book Memories of Anne Frank: Reflections of a Childhood Friend.

Network close to renewing Model

TV It looks like America's Next Top Model will be back on the catwalk next season.

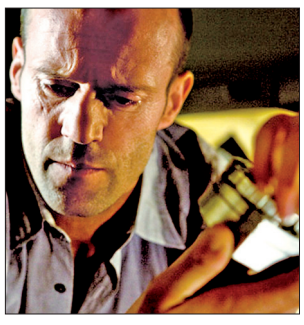
The CW is close to renewing the Tyra Banks-hosted reality competition series for a 13th cycle to air in fall 2009.

The news comes on the heels of the CW inking a deal with Warner Bros. Domestic TV Distribution to air Banks' daytime talk show, The Tyra Banks Show, as an afternoon strip starting next fall. REUTERS

Third film in Statham's Transporter series flat out rocks

Transporter 3
Director: Olivier Megaton
Stars: Jason Statham
Class: 14A
Rating: ●●●½

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada



Transporter 3 pits Jason Statham as a mercenary against a cabal of greasy bad guys.

REVIEW Virtually gone are the days of the vintage Eurotrash flick: those slick late-'60s French/Italian exports that mined popular American genre trappings while grafting their own highly stylized, haute couture informed sensibilities on top.

From the sexually charged sci-fi hijinks of Barbarella to the kinky comic book thrills of Danger: Diabolik, these quintessentially European art/junk pictures bent rules and existed only to thrill.

Which is why the flawed but fun Luc Besson produced Transporter films are so endearing; their single brained intent is to bombard audiences with eyeball spinning action, beautifully dressed — and undressed — women, sexy cars and exotic locales while blaring pulsing techno music.

The latest entry in the lucrative but critically maligned franchise, simply called Transporter 3, once more pits an iron jawed, black belt-sporting mercenary driver Frank Martin against a cabal of greasy, well-tailored international baddies.

And while the film boasts the same clunky narrative problems and distractingly dubbed European actors as the first two instalments, I'm happy to report that the breathlessly paced Transporter makes amends by delivering some of the most delirious action set pieces of this or any other year.

Here, Frank finds himself driving a mysterious package and a strung-out Ukranian party girl across Eastern Europe against his will. In a kinky plot device, Frank's fate is literally tied to his beloved Audi.

See, his villainous employers have affixed an explosive device to his wrist, ensuring that if he goes 50-feet from the machine, he'll be blown to smithereens. When Frank curls his lip at this, many car-crunching chases and bone breaking martial arts battles follow — much of Statham's fighting is shirtless.

Fuelled by a wildly unhinged sensibility and with tongue lodged firmly in cheek, Transporter 3 flat out rocks and is a dynamite, retro-pulp entertainment that should please the legion of James Bond fans who were left cold by Quantum of Solace.

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Kanye, WE GET IT
Rapper Kanye West explains why he blogs in all caps in all caps: "I USE ALL CAPS CAUSE I'M LAZY NOT MAD. I TYPE WITH ONE HAND AND HOLD THE PHONE WITH THE OTHER." **E! NEWS ONLINE**

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Series riffs on 30s male behaviour

TV CBS is developing Things a Man Should Never Do Past 30, a single-camera comedy inspired by Esquire contributing editor David Katz's humorous book. The book comprises a list of 500 rules. A few examples of what a man shouldn't do once he turns 30: "See any movie with elves, mutants, wookies or other nonhuman characters on opening night"; "Figure out which dirty words are spelled by phone number"; and "Google ex-girlfriends."

The CBS project is mostly based on the personal experiences of Katz and Esquire editor-at-large A.J. Jacobs. **REUTERS**

In brief

EMMYS British programming dominated the International Emmys on Monday, while Argentina and Jordan marked their first Emmy victories. Argentina took home one of the 36th annual awards' top prizes, for best TV movies or mini-series, for Television Por La Identidad, which tells of the country's "disappeared" pregnant women from 1976 to 1983, and their subsequent search for their children. **REUTERS**

A happy holiday diversion

Four **Christmases**

Director: Seth Gordon
Stars: Vince Vaughn, Reese Witherspoon
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Four Christmases is no future classic, but it will be a movie that you won't angrily turn off when it starts airing during the holidays.

With the Halloween horror season behind us, it's time for Hollywood to start trudging out their odes the most commercial of all holidays.

Four Christmases is the first release to hit screens and while it has plenty of the Yuletide carols and goopy sentimentality that we expect this time of year, the concept is just subversive enough to make it worth seeing.

Sure, this is no future Christmas classic, but it will be a movie that you won't angrily turn off when it starts airing on television during the holidays.

Vince Vaughn and Reese Witherspoon star as a professional couple who always avoid their families during Christmas and understandably so, considering that they both come from highly eccentric divorced families (that's four dysfunctional visits per year).

After the film's worst plot contrivance traps them in the country and broadcasts their availability to their kin, Vaughn and Witherspoon embark on their dreaded Four Christmases. The movie is episodic by design and is predictably inconsistent depending on which family the couple are visiting. But with a stacked cast that includes such names as Robert Duvall, Sissy Spacek, Mary Steenburgen, and Jon Favereau, the hits are more plentiful than the misses.

The film marks the fictional directorial debut of Seth Gordon who's hilarious documentary The King Of Kong was probably the most underappreciated gem of 2007.

Gordon has a gift for character comedy that shows in this film, it's just too bad that the rushed production didn't give him a chance to iron out all of the problems with the script. For a holiday movie that starts out refreshingly subversive and anti-family, the film nosedives into sentimentality in the closing scenes and ends on a very predictable and unsatisfying note.

However, with comedy leads as strong as Vaughn and Witherspoon along with a talented supporting cast, the movie offers plenty of laughs before limping to the finish line. With a little more work this could have been an anti-Christmas classic like The Ref.

Instead it's little more than a pleasant holiday diversion.

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Beyonce's childbirth fear
Singer/actress Beyonce has revealed she wants kids — but adds she's still scarred from witnessing the birth of her nephew. "I was there in the delivery room and it kind of traumatized me," Beyoncé admits. **PEOPLE.COM**

Silverman braves stormy seas

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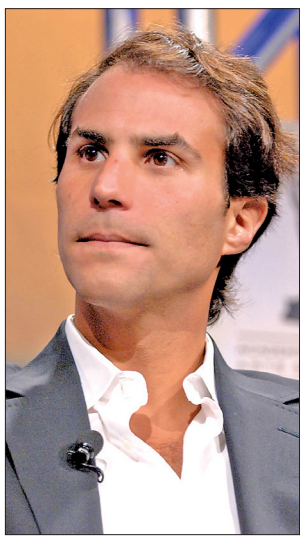

Ben Silverman.

FAILING YOUR WAY TO THE TOP: One day there will be a really fantastic glossy magazine article or white-knuckled business book on the career of Ben Silverman and his tenure at NBC. The network, like the rest of the big four, is having a bad year, and after going AWOL for almost a month at the Beijing Olympics while the network suffered painful birthing pangs on their new season, it was expected that that Silverman would be a convenient fall guy if things turned out poorly.

Silverman's time as co-head of NBC Entertainment has been anything but smooth; screenwriters went on strike six months after he signed his two-year contract with the company, and it's been all damage control since then. Hollywood, like a medieval village or an isolated Amazon tribe, is a superstitious place, and after a run as poor as this you'd expect that Silverman would be on his way to sacrifice at the altar of the fire god, but as has been pointed out too many times before, putting "show" and "business" together means that laws of physics and basic math are suspended.

Silverman, a Hollywood character of legendary arrogance and abrasive style, has burned bridges and ruffled feathers by blowing off meetings and spouting bafflegab at the slightest provocation, but he's apparently a master of the deal, and has actually saved the network money while its shows and ratings have continued to tank.

"I could not be more pleased with the job that he's done," NBC CEO Jeff Zucker told the Los Angeles Times. "He's done everything that we've asked of him." Everything includes co-production deals that have slimmed down production costs, and lucrative advertising plugs built into shows like Knight Rider.

Silverman's own projects — the recently cancelled My Own Worst Enemy, and struggling titles like Crusoe and Lipstick Jungle — have fared badly, and NBC remains in last place among the four networks, but Hollywood insiders continue to confirm gobsmacked rumours that his contract will be renewed by the start of the summer, and Katherine Pope, the Universal Media Studio head who oversaw two of the three shows as well as Bionic Woman, will be the scapegoat.

"They call her the black widow," an unnamed source "growled" to the New York Post. "Every program she touches turns to death." Every show except, of course, Heroes, for which Pope was an original producer before being offered the job at Universal. Her contract is also up in June, and it looks like she's already being measured for her pine box.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television but not opera.

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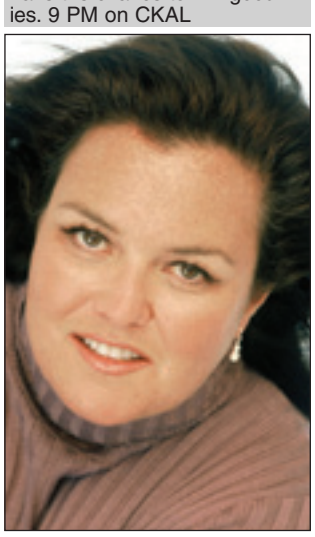
Rosie Live
Remember Carol Burnett? Sonny & Cher? Glen Campbell? Jim Nabors? Former talk show host Rosie O'Donnell attempts to bring back the good old days of the variety show with this new special. She'll do an opening monologue, perform in sketches, introduce musical acts and give out prizes to members of the studio audience; viewers at home also have the chance to win goodies. 9 PM on CKAL



Deal or No Deal
Ashley Otte, a hardworking college student from Randolph, Minn., competes in hopes of winning enough money to pay off her student loans and start enjoying college life. But when she mistakenly reveals to Howie that her biggest fear is turkeys, the Banker puts her family in a cage with eight live turkeys. At least there'll be plenty of drumsticks. Viewers at home can play along for a chance to win $50,000. 10 PM on CHTV KHQ

Way and wife expecting baby
My Chemical Romance singer Gerard Way and his wife Lindsey Ballato are expecting a baby due early next summer, his rep confirms to People. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Leo fights to keep privacy

GETTY IMAGES

PEOPLE Actor Leonardo DiCaprio has vowed to boycott the paparazzi, dubbing them "disrespectful and dangerous," imdb.com reports.

DiCaprio admits he's been fighting to stay away from the limelight since turning into a major Hollywood star, and he's keen to keep his name out of the press.

"Actually, I'm not in the tabloids anymore. I am sometimes, but I've watched the culture change. I'm old hat. And I love it. You know what it is with me? This is something I'd like to clarify. I've heard people say, 'Because you hide, it makes you seem ungrateful,'" he says. "The mere fact that these — I'll use the word piles — are earning money from exploiting my image is the only reason I hide myself or am not a photo-friendly person. I do not like the way they conduct themselves. I think they're disrespectful and dangerous. The reason I don't pose or smile or that I seem mad is that I don't want them to make a living off my private life."

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Cruise's family plans

CHILDREN Tom Cruise is keen to expand his family with Katie Holmes, but is waiting until his wife finishes her current stint on Broadway before trying for another baby, imdb.com reports.

Holmes is starring in a new adaptation of Arthur Miller's All My Sons and will be based in New York until the end of her run, which is expected to finish early next year.

Cruise admits the couple, who already have two-year-old daughter Suri, are keen for another baby, but they have to wait until Holmes returns to the family home in California.

"We have already heard she's pregnant but it's not true. But yes, we will have more children. I'm saying this, but Kate's not here! She's working and we're enjoying this time right now. It's very precious, we don't get this time back," Cruise says.

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Simpson wrote in diary to heal

WELL-BEING Jessica Simpson put pen to paper to cure her of the heartbreak following her split from husband Nick Lachey, because writing in her diary was "therapeutic" for the star, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer, who divorced Lachey in 2002 after three years of marriage, found it helpful to keep a journal of her thoughts and feelings.

Simpson later used the emotional entries as inspiration for her music.

"It (writing in a diary) is very, very therapeutic," she says. "There is a lot about heartbreak, there is a lot about perseverance. I used it as inspiration for my album."

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Dating authors offer Aniston advice

RELATIONSHIPS Jennifer Aniston has been offered dating advice by the authors of The Rules, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Sherrie Schneider, who co-wrote the dating manual with Ellen Fein, says the former Friends actress should not have spoken publicly about her summer breakup from John Mayer, and should also keep quiet about her ex-husband Brad Pitt's relationship with Angelina Jolie.

"Breaking up is never easy, but it doesn't have to be humiliating," Schneider said. "Never mention Brad's or John Mayer's name in public. Also, don't say anything bad about Brad, like when you said he was missing a sensitivity chip."

Referring to Aniston's recent first interview about Jolie, during which she called the actress "uncool" for admitting she had started her relationship with Pitt while he was still married, Schneider added: "Never talk about Angelina or call her 'uncool,' even if she was uncool. She does not exist in your world."

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No motherhood for Carrie

CAREER Sarah Jessica Parker has promised fans her character Carrie Bradshaw will not become a mother in the Sex And The City: The Movie sequel, because it would go against the character's beliefs, imdb.com reports.

"It doesn't seem as if that's going to be a choice she'll make," she says. "I don't know. Michael (Patrick King, director) and I never talk about it. That doesn't mean that won't be part of the story. We just haven't figured it out. It feels a little bit manipulative to toss that into the mix, because she seems so pointed in a different direction."

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Winehouse is sent to hospital

HEALTH Singer Amy Winehouse was admitted to a private London hospital on Sunday, her rep tells CNN.

Chris Gooodman told the news outlet that medication Winehouse was taking made her ill, and doctors admitted her to the clinic for investigation, People.com reports.

Winehouse previously checked into a London hospital in July after suffering a bad reaction to her medication. But Goodman did not disclose which medications were involved in either case.

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Brandy devastated by car crash

TRAGEDY Actress/singer Brandy says she was so devastated by her high-speed car crash that killed another woman motorist in Los Angeles two years ago, "there was a point when I didn't feel like it was OK to live on — because someone else lost their life," PageSix.com reports.

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Paris booed at birthday party

PEOPLE Paris Hilton received a chilly reception at an event in Los Angeles.

The hotel heiress was set to introduce the Pussycat Dolls at a birthday party for designer Christian Audigier's daughter, Crystal, but when Audigier asked the crowd if they wanted to see Paris, they broke out in a chorus of boos. According to a source at the party, "The entire room — which had just cheered when they thought Britney Spears was coming — booed loudly. Paris was practically in tears and left without taking the stage."

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Butler may not be charged for fight

LEGAL Actor Gerard Butler has been given the chance to resolve his recent fight with a paparazzo without facing criminal charges, imdb.com reports.

Butler stands accused of beating up a photographer who followed him as he left a Los Angeles bar last month.

The snapper was reportedly treated in hospital for the injuries he suffered.

According to TMZ.com, Butler, who has yet to discuss the allegations, has been ordered to attend an informal hearing at the city attorney's office, the goal of which is to resolve the issue without a messy court battle.

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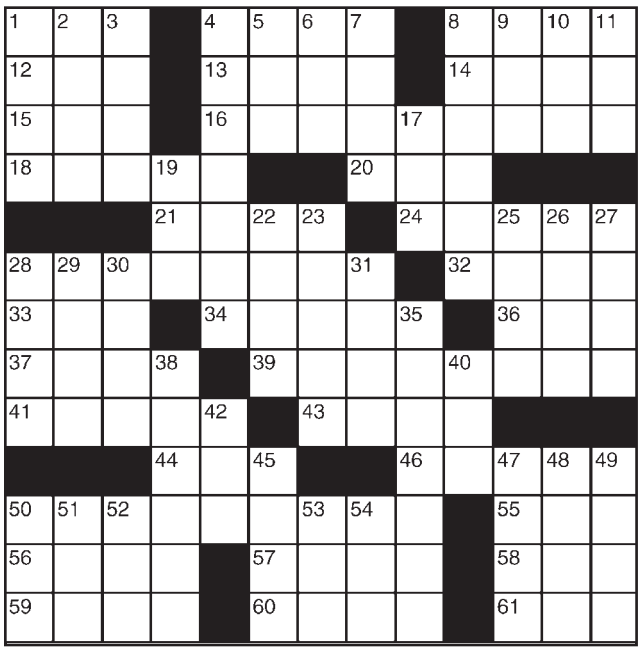


Crossword across

1 Do sums
4 Apprehend
8 Film segment
12 Anger
13 Medley
14 Similar to
15 Brooks or Torme
16 Chair protector
18 Filch
20 Corrode
21 Open somewhat
24 Tibet's capital
28 One with lots of four-legged friends?
32 Satan's specialty
33 Submachine gun
34 Jazz style
36 A Gershwin
37 Raised
39 Pirate
41 Comic Silverman
43 Cornfield trespasser
44 Scratch
46 Tangle
50 Read quickly
55 Dinner for Dobbin
56 Staffer
57 "David Copperfield" character
58 Swelled head
59 Banana castoff
60 Took to the pool
61 Chaps

Crossword down

1 Intentions
2 Bob's "The Price Is Right" successor
3 Sandwich shop
4 Rhinoplasty
5 The whole enchilada
6 Midafternoon hour on a sundial
7 Easy bounding gait
8 Dress
9 Tyler or Ullmann
10 White House nickname
11 Apiece
17 Western st.
19 Crony
22 Birds, to Brutus
23 Violin's ancestor
25 Tel —
26 Paddock papa
27 Winged
28 Taverns
29 Pound of poetry
30 Wedding cake feature
31 Bellow
35 Telecast
38 Maiden
40 Possess
42 Possesses
45 Fishing gear
47 Attention getter
48 Storm
49 French city
50 Space
51 Falsehood
52 Praise in verse
53 Solemn promise
54 Historic time

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

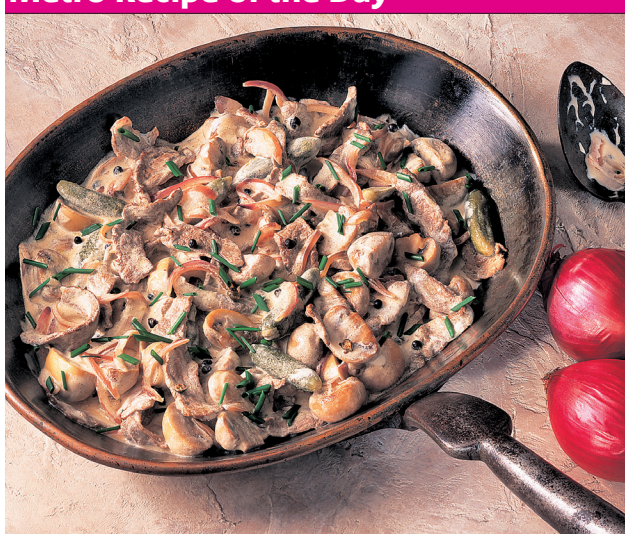
	8		9		2		7	
9								8
		2	3		8	4		
	1		2	4	6		8	
	7						2	
	4		7	5	1		9	
		3	1		5	8		
1								2
	6		4		7		3	

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

2	3	7	6	1	4	9	5	8
6	8	4	9	5	7	1	2	3
5	9	1	3	2	8	4	7	6
1	5	2	4	3	6	7	8	9
9	7	3	5	8	1	6	4	2
4	6	8	7	9	2	3	1	5
8	1	6	2	4	3	5	9	7
3	4	9	8	7	5	2	6	1
7	2	5	1	6	9	8	3	4

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Beef Stroganoff

INGREDIENTS:
3 tbsp olive oil
1 large red onion
1/2 lb (230g) small chestnut mushrooms
1 1/4 lb (560g) beef fillet
2 tsp (10 mL) fresh green peppercorns in brine
Salt
2 tbsp (25 mL) Dijon mustard
1 1/4 cup (300 mL) sour cream
8 small drained cocktail gherkins
A small bunch of chives

METHOD:
1. Heat 1 tbsp (15 mL) oil in a large frying pan. Halve, peel, and thinly slice onion, then fry over a moderate heat until slightly softened, about 2 or 3 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, clean and halve mushrooms and add to the pan. Increase heat and cook, stirring, for about 5 minutes, until softened and most liquid has evaporated.
3. While mushrooms are cooking, slice beef fillet very thinly, then cut across the grain into thin strips.
4. When mushrooms are cooked, put into a large bowl with onion and set aside.
5. Add 1 tbsp (15 mL) oil to the pan and increase heat to high. Add half of beef and stir-fry for 2–3 minutes, or until very lightly browned, then remove. Heat remaining oil and cook rest of beef the same way.
6. Return onion, mushrooms and first batch of beef with juices to the frying pan. Crush green peppercorns, add to the pan with some salt, and heat through for 1–2 minutes.
7. Blend mustard and sour cream together and stir into beef, with gherkins. Heat through gently, without boiling. Trim, rinse, and dry chives, snip over top and serve.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A headstrong person misses talking to you. Emotional distress is caused by an unusual amount of problems. Don't give up on yourself.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Falling in love is okay, if you think long and hard first. Pushiness makes for an unsettling situation. Decadent foods are clues to your secret longings.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
An unexpected escapade torments your heart. Love will have a deeper meaning. Someone hasn't changed in a significant way.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Give someone a good reason to stay. A weight problem is spitefully discussed. Bring your life back into focus.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Bittersweet memories accompany a departing hero. Curiosity is satisfied by a devoted sweetheart. An expert interferes with tried and true plans.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Lack of faith will cause a crash. Being ignored will wreck your hard won serenity. Someone's loyalty is being questioned.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Be assured that nobody will let you down. A mastermind should not be tangled with. A self-pitying person ignores your friendly smile.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
A discovery takes on greater significance. Satisfaction is guaranteed if you keep a promise. An argumentative stranger tells the truth.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
All you want to do is have some fun. Be poised when facing a difficult cross-examination. An awesome adventure baffles onlookers.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Say goodbye to a domineering woman. A special dream will come true. Take good care of a fragile elder.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
An optimist will touch your heart. Prance around with crazy old friends. Stop speculating about how things might have been.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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